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Mr. Kirk Sornborger  
Western Area Power Administration  
114 Parkshore Drive  
Folsom, California 95630

Subject: **Transmittal of Revised Biological Assessment for Roseville Energy Facility Project**

Dear Mr. Sornborger:

On behalf of Roseville Energy Facility, L.L.C., URS Corporation (URS) presents the attached Revised Biological Assessment (BA) for the Roseville Energy Facility (REF). As you are aware, the REF Application for Certification (AFC) (Docket Number 01-AFC-14) is currently under review by the California Energy Commission (CEC). The biological assessment evaluates potential impacts of the proposed REF on species that are listed or proposed for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act and was prepared in accordance with legal requirements set forth under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1536 (c)). This BA is provided to facilitate Western Area Power Administration's (Western's) initiating the Section 7 process with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In summary, the Revised BA includes:

- Relevant details from previously submitted draft's (i.e., the first Draft BA submitted on August 6, 2001 and the second Draft BA submitted on January 25, 2002)
- An expanded environmental setting, impacts analysis, and summary of mitigation measures for current project linear components including reconductoring, and/or rebuild of existing transmission lines, construction of new transmission line, and construction of new natural gas pipelines
- Modifications reflecting the relevant sections of the REF AFC Response to Outstanding Data Requests 1-192, as submitted in a separate volume docketed at the CEC on July 1, 2002.

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is expecting a request for Section 7 initiation from Western. Please do not hesitate to call Anne Knowlton at 805-964-6010 or Sam Wehn at 415-293-8489 if you have any questions concerning the biological assessment or if we can be of any assistance during the consultation process.

Sincerely,

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Senior Biologist

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Enclosure



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Mr. Will Ness  
Regulatory Branch  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
1325 J Street, Room 1480  
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Subject: **Transmittal of the Roseville Energy Facility  
Revised Army Corps of Engineers Permit Application**

Dear Mr. Ness:

On behalf of Roseville Energy Facility, L.L.C., URS Corporation (URS) presents the attached Revised Army Corps of Engineers Permit Application for the Roseville Energy Facility (REF). As you are aware, the REF Application for Certification (AFC) (Docket Number 01-AFC-14) is currently under review by the California Energy Commission (CEC). In summary, the application includes:

- Relevant details from the previously submitted draft (Draft Army Corps of Engineers Permit Application submitted on September 14, 2001)
- An expanded description of project impacts to wetlands and waterways for current project linear components including reconductoring, and/or rebuild of existing transmission lines, construction of new transmission line, and construction of new natural gas pipelines
- Modifications reflecting the relevant sections of the REF AFC Response to Outstanding Data Requests 1-192, as submitted in a separate volume docketed at the CEC on July 1, 2002.

The permit application includes the following components:

- A standard Department of the Army permit application with block attachments
- A wetland delineation narrative (Attachment A)
- An analysis of Section 404(b)(1) alternatives (Attachment B)

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- Supporting figures (Attachment C)
- Supporting tables (Attachment D)
- Delineation data sheets (Attachment E).

The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is the federal NEPA lead agency for this project. A final biological assessment was submitted to Western with a request for them to initiate formal Section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Western is also responsible for compliance under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

We hope that the attached information is sufficient to begin processing the application for the project. Please do not hesitate to call Anne Knowlton at 805-964-6010 or Sam Wehn at 415-293-8489 if you have any questions concerning the biological assessment or if we can be of any assistance.

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